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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's, mailed August 29, 2001, be extended for four months to and including January 29, 2002.

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